

Claims:

1. A tamper proof container comprising:
  - a container body within which product can be accommodated, the container body having an access opening;
  - a cover separable from the container body for closing the access opening and including engagement means for engaging the container body when over the access opening; and
  - tamper prevention means for preventing removal of the cover when located over the access opening, the tamper prevention means including at least one locking element;
  - wherein the locking element(s) is adapted to allow an initial engagement of the cover to the container body over the access opening while preventing subsequent removal therefrom;
  - and wherein the locking element(s) is separable from the container, the separation of the locking element(s) allowing the removal of the cover from the container body, the removal of the locking element(s) further providing a visual indication that the container has been opened.
2. A tamper proof container according to claim 1, wherein the access opening is provided in a wall(s) of the container body, and the engagement means of the cover provides a releasable engagement of the cover to the container body when located over the access opening, the cover being at least substantially flush with the wall(s) when engaged with the container body.
3. A tamper proof container according to claim 2, wherein the includes a peripheral lip extending along at least a portion of the periphery thereof, the peripheral lip being adapted to engage a cooperating shoulder in the container body located adjacent to the access opening.
4. A tamper proof container according to claim 3, wherein the cover is in the form of a slide cover slidably supportable over the access opening, the engagement of the peripheral lip of the slide cover on the cooperating shoulder of the container body allowing slide motion of the slide cover relative to the access

opening, the engagement means for the slide cover including one or more tungs located at one end of the slide cover, the or each tung respectively engaging a cooperating lug on the container body, the or each said lug being provided on an internal surface of the container body adjacent the access opening.

5. A tamper proof container according to claim 4, wherein the engagement means of the container slide cover further includes one or more lugs and one or more cooperating apertures respectively provided on an inner face of the peripheral lip of the cover at an opposing end of the slide cover to the tung(s) or in the container body adjacent the access opening, the lug(s) being accommodated within the aperture when the slide cover completely closes the access opening.

6. A tamper proof container according to claim 5, wherein the locking element of the tamper prevention means includes a locking tab extending from the container body adjacent the access opening, the locking tab extending at least substantially perpendicular relative to the plane of the access opening to thereby block the movement of the slide cover thereby preventing separation of the slide cover from the container body.

7. A tamper proof container according to claim 6, wherein the locking tab is attached to the rest of the container body by a frangible connection portion thereof.

8. A tamper proof container according to claim 7, wherein the locking tab is integrally formed with the container body with a relatively thin wall section between the locking tab and the rest of the container wall to provide the frangible connection portion for the locking tab.

9. A tamper proof container according to claim 8, wherein the locking tab includes a contact face located on a side of the locking tab facing the access opening, the contact face being inclined at an acute angle relative to the plane of the access opening.

10. A tamper proof container according to any one of claims 7 to 10, wherein a means for hanging the container extends from the locking tab.
11. A tamper proof container according to claim 3, wherein the engagement means for the cover includes a peripheral rib extending along at least a portion of the periphery of the cover, the peripheral rib being locatable within a cooperating groove in the container body.
12. A tamper proof container according to claim 11, wherein the engagement means of the cover further includes one or more tags extending from an inner face of the cover, said tag(s) forming part of a coupling arrangement for engaging the cover to the container body.
13. A tamper proof container according to claim 12, wherein the coupling arrangement includes an aperture provided in the tag(s) for engaging a cooperating lug provided within the container body.
14. A tamper proof container according to claim 13, wherein the lug(s) are resiliently biased and supported on a manual actuator mechanism for allowing the release of the lug(s) from the cooperating tag thereby allowing the removal of the cover from the container body.
15. A tamper proof container according to claim 13 or 14, the manual actuator mechanism including a biased latch, whereby movement of the latch disengages the coupling arrangement.
16. A tamper proof container according to claim 15, wherein the locking element of the tamper prevention means is provided on the cover, the locking element preventing movement of the latch thereby preventing the release of the cover from the container body.
17. A tamper proof container according to claim 16, wherein the locking element includes a locking tab located immediately adjacent the latch, the locking

tab being connected to the cover by a frangible connection.

18. A tamper proof container according to claim 17, wherein the locking tab is integrally formed with the cover with a relatively thin wall section between the locking tab and the rest of the cover to provide a frangible connection portion for the locking tab.

19. A tamper proof container according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the container body is made of two casing shells, a series of female snap tungs being provided along the peripheral edge of one casing shell, and a series of cooperating male lugs being provided adjacent the peripheral edge of the other casing shell to enable an interconnection between the casing shells.

20. A tamper proof container according to claim 19, wherein a rib is provided along the peripheral edge of one of the casing shells, and a cooperating shoulder or channel is provided along the peripheral edge of the other casing shell, wherein when the two casing shells are brought together, the rib can be accommodated by the shoulder or rib.